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Saving Her Face.

Russia's bureau of publicity is working overtime in preparation for the meeting of the peace envoys. With the utmost abandon of frankness her most distinguished statesmen are taking the newspapers into their confidence and exposing the inmost recesses of their official consciences.

Russia seems perturbed with regard to Japan's demands. She is firmly resolved never to pay an indemnity, not to part with an acre of Russian soil; in fact, she has determined to preserve inviolate her prestige, her amour propre, her savoir faire, and all that sort of thing. In plain words, she is trying very hard to save her face—and it is such a large face.

Some time ago the world was seriously informed that Russia is too poor to pay a large indemnity, etc., etc.; now we are assured by M. Witte himself that all parties will combine to continue the war al'outrance if Japan will not be good. The island of Sakhalin was suggested formerly as a substitute for an indemnity; now that Japan has the island Russia threatens to retake it unless the Japanese behave properly in the peace congress. Russia went into the war as the doughty champion of Western civilization, philanthropic assimilation, and moral expansion; now she calls for help in these "inspired" words of the Novoe Vremya:

"Even in England and America the voices of moral instigators can be heard in favor of indirect interference of the powers to moderate Japan's demands. Our plenipotentiaries must remember that they must defend the interests not only of Russia, but also of the other Caucasian powers, and they will find moral support in Berlin, Paris, Washington, and, perhaps, even in London. Our army in the field is much stronger than it was fifteen months ago."

All this is interesting—and ineffective. Japan is the victor, and she can not only dictate terms, but she can dominate the East, and call upon the greatest naval power for assistance, if need be. England and America want peace, but they will not advise Japan against her own best interests. Paris not only wants peace but she is getting anxious about money, and Russia cannot expect France to pay the fiddler for her much longer; she has already notified Russia that money will be forthcoming for an indemnity, but not for war. And as for Germany, well, William has recently tested the European situation, and is too busy with Morocco to bother with Russia and her troubles.

M. Witte and his place in the peace congress have caused sleepless nights to the political world. First the Czar wouldn't send him; then he was appointed; then he quarreled with the Czar because his powers were not absolute; then he was given carte blanche; then the world rejoiced because with Witte at the head of the Russian envoys peace was assured; and, now, we have the word of M. Witte himself to this effect:

"I have been designated by the Emperor as his ambassador extraordinary for plenipotentiaries with the Japanese plenipotentiaries to ascertain whether it is possible to conclude a treaty of peace."

"In serving my Emperor I have received precise instructions from his majesty, and shall follow them."

Is there any wonder that Japan has guarded her demands? Does not Japan show knowledge of the Russian government in all her dealings with it? Does any one believe that the plenipotentiaries will stop short of actual peace?

Oyama is Japan's chief envoy to the conference. He is not much of a newspaper man, but he can play chess and call a bluff.

What the Question Is.

The Board of Education will meet tonight in special session, and act decisively in the Swartzell-Eastern High School controversy. The issue will be awaited by the parents of every child in the public schools with an intense personal interest. If the members of the board intend to observe the trust which those parents have imposed upon them, they must reach their decision tonight with eyes solely for the good of the public school system. They may be considered of Mr. Swartzell, if opportunity offers. But they must be watchful of the children given into their charge at the most impressionable period of the child-life.

To this end the issue must be clearly defined, and kept clear. It is now generally confused.

It does not deal with two things—either with Mr. Swartzell's personal character and erudition, or with his conduct as far as it concerns the disorder among the cadets of Company F. Everyone who knows Mr. Swartzell personally entertains the highest respect for him. His scholarship is unquestioned. And no one with any knowledge of the facts has undertaken to defend the wanton disregard of the school discipline which led the boys of the cadet company to absent themselves from school and disturb the sessions of other schools near their own. This was gross insubordination and insolence on the part of boys who wore the uniforms of soldiers.

The real issue begins where this disturbance ends. It is two-fold:

First—Was this teacher's conduct, between the time of this disturbance and the close of the school year, compatible with his office as principal of the school?

Second—Does such conduct reveal in the teacher any personal and inherent incapacity for the office of principal?

In considering the first of these questions the board must weigh these things:

That Mr. Swartzell refused to participate in the class-day exercises of the students about to graduate from his school, and that this proceeding must be explained either as a rebuke to the class, as an organization, for the conduct of the cadet company, although the two bodies are entirely distinct, or as a manifestation of an extraordinary lack of interest in a class which had been trained for graduation under his direction. As a matter of fact, Mr. Swartzell, though he refused to address the students, was able to attend the exercises and view them from a corridor.

That the class, when it undertook to present to the principal a disavowal of responsibility for the conduct of the cadet company, and present a request that Mr. Swartzell reconsider his decision not to attend the exercises, was refused an audience, flatly and impatiently.

In considering the second of these questions, the board must weigh these things:

That Mr. Swartzell is manifestly lacking in tact.

That he has never given any proof of really understanding the boy nature or possessing any sympathy for it, and that children of the school age not only need sympathy and understanding but the honest manifestation of those qualities.

That, for the lack of these things or for other reasons, he has proven unequal to the control and development of boys who have studied faithfully and borne themselves creditably when transferred to other schools.

That, again for the lack of these qualities or for other reasons, his school has been for more than a year in a condition of nervous excitement, continued restlessness, and incipient disorder.

Here, then, is the issue. The decision does not involve the disorder of the cadets, except as an incidental circumstance. Assuredly, it need not include any approval of their misconduct. It does not involve Mr. Swartzell's personal character. But it does involve his executive capacity for this post.

The facts upon which the decision must rest raise a grave doubt as to Mr. Swartzell's ability to preside over any high school to the advantage of the students. They put out of the question altogether the project—which the community can hardly believe was ever seriously considered—of placing him in charge of the largest high school in the city.

The Beef trust has discovered that its interests demand inauguration of a policy of reciprocity. Well, if the Beef trust wants reciprocity it might start it by cutting a liberal slice off the tariff on beefsteaks.

As a matter of fact, that fall of seven stories in an elevator wasn't the most severe tumble recently taken by District Attorney Bell, of Philadelphia.

The harvester trust is reaping the whirlwind.

Even James K. Jones could be trusted to guess what Philadelphia will do to the Root Presidential candidacy if the machine gets back into power before the national campaign opens.

Odd how much cooler it seems after reading that the entire continent is in the same scrape, isn't it?

Chairman Shonts of the Canal Commission appears as one of those who paid \$500 to the blackmailing editors of a New York "society" publication. This seems to bear out the theory that something is wrong with canal sanitation.

The Chicago reciprocity congress next month is going to try to organize a reciprocity movement among Congressmen. What the Chicago reciprocity folks want is not moral suasion with Congressmen, who don't have anything on earth to do with reciprocity. But a large supply of stuffed clubs for the Senate.

If Thomas F. Ryan after all turns out to be a real philanthropist he will have coming to him the largest number of apologies ever cashed in by one man.

It's plain that those ice handlers in New York who struck yesterday didn't know a good thing.

This country certainly would be in a bad fix if Kansas should decide to hold its wheat and sell its stocks and bonds.

M. Witte says Russia may keep on fighting for years to come. This seems to involve the assumption that she has already begun fighting.

Commander Peary's strategy in selecting this particular time for starting north is clever enough to preface success in finding the Pole. Every time his crew thinks of the weather they left behind they will redouble their efforts to get farther away from it.

There appear to have been other than typesetting machines in the Government Printing Office.

IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY

SOCIETY SEEKS
CORNERS COOLExodus of Smart Set Goes
Merrily On.

FASHIONABLE HOTELS FULL

Admiral and Mrs. Yates Stirling Guests
of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee
Taller.

Admiral and Mrs. Yates Stirling have gone to Richmond Springs for the season, where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Taller. They were accompanied by their daughter, Miss Nellie Stirling, and will later be joined by Miss Margaret Stirling, who is now at the seashore. The admiral recently returned from a trip to the Pacific coast.

The continued illness of Mrs. Kimmell, wife of Commander Harry Kimmell, U. S. N., prevents her being taken from the city for the heated term.

Miss Louise Suit, of Anacostia, and Miss Margaret Smith, of Capitol Hill, left on Sunday for a visit to Berkeley Springs, W. Va.

Mrs. H. A. Seymour, Miss Seymour and Miss Helen Seymour have gone to Newport for the summer.

Mrs. Nicholas Anderson, who makes her winter home in Washington and who spent the first part of the season at Poland Springs, has gone to Newport, where for several summers she has made her home at the Geranium Cottage on Kebo street.

Justice and Mrs. McKenna left Washington yesterday for Narragansett Pier, where they will remain for some time making their home at the Atlantic Hotel.

Miss Maria McKenna and Miss Hildegarde McKenna are the guests of their sister, Mrs. Pitts Duffield, formerly Miss Isabel McKenna, at her home on Long Island.

Rev. and Mrs. Zed H. Copp and family leave the first of the week for Wilkesboro, the old family residence, for vacation and to attend the annual Copp family reunion, to be held Thursday, July 20.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Barnes, accompanied by their two daughters, leave Tuesday for a trip to Boston by sea. Before returning, they will spend some time in New York and Atlantic City.

Mrs. E. P. Price, who has been visiting her son, John G. Price, at the Plymouth apartment, left for her home in Canton, Ohio, on receipt of a telegram announcing the serious illness of her husband.

The Misses Mary and Alice Scott, E. K. Scott and Owen Scott are staying at Astoria Inn, Newport, until September.

Dr. and Mrs. C. Alexander Crawford are at East Gloucester Mass., for the summer.

Mrs. William H. Clagett and daughters, of this city, have gone to the Massachusetts Narragansett Pier, for an indefinite stay.

F. A. Richardson, of Washington, registered at the Deer Park Hotel, Deer Park, Md., yesterday.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Elizabeth M. Williamson to Fred G. Berger, Jr. The wedding will take place at the latter part of August at St. Andrew's Church. Miss Williamson is a sister of Mrs. George L. Mertz, of this city, and Mr. Berger is a son of Frederick G. Berger, well known in theatrical circles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blanton have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Edna, to Richard Edgar in Pikesville, of Washington, D. C. The marriage will take place August 8, at the home of the bride, 195 Floyd avenue.

KNIGHTS' EXCURSION
TO RIVER VIEWOrient and Columbia Commanderies
to Be Opponents in Baseball Game.

Several hundred Knights Templars and their friends have taken today off for a trip to River View. The occasion is the annual outing of Columbia Commandery, No. 2.

As early as 10 o'clock this morning large crowds began to gather at the Seventh street wharf so as to take advantage of the full day's outing at the cool and shaded resort down the river.

Sir Knight David H. Fenton, chairman of the reception committee, was on hand bright and early to extend a hearty welcome to the brother knights and their friends, who were trying to escape the sweltering heat of the city, and the congested condition of the afternoon excursionists in taking the early boat.

A long and varied program of sports has been arranged by Chairman Samuel W. Stinemetz, the feature of which will be a baseball game between Orient and Columbia Commanderies. Oriental garb will constitute the costumes of the Oriental Commandery, while the Columbians will appear in an imitation of the customary "Uncle Sam."

The line-up of the teams will be: Orient—Allen Bonstus, catcher; W. A. Cobhill, pitcher; I. H. Henderson, third base; Joseph Costello, center field; Joseph Miller, pitcher; R. P. Evans, second base; F. S. Hodgson, shortstop; Robert Doyle, right field; E. P. Hazelton, first base.

Columbia—Bert Riddle, catcher; Charles Long, first base; Harry Wald, center field; C. H. Longacre, second base; Jack Blair, left field; Charles Stewart, third base; E. C. Nelson, pitcher; F. E. Gibson, shortstop; C. H. Longacre, second base.

It is expected that these representatives will play the national game in a manner that would do credit to professionals.

The chairman of the various committees who have the excursion in hand are: Executive—David H. Fenton. Sports—Samuel W. Stinemetz. Reception—David H. Fenton. Dancing and music—W. H. Klopfer. Fireworks—Jackson F. Blair. Tickets—George E. Hubbard. Printing and advertising—Frank E. Gibson.

Press—Charles Long. Transportation—Charles P. Smith. The steamer Pocahontas will leave the Seventh street wharf at 6:30 o'clock this evening on the last trip, returning at 6 o'clock tonight.



MRS. CHARLES F. CARUSI,
A Charming Washington Woman Who Is Making Social Life a Success at
Capon Springs, W. Va., This Summer.

CAPTAIN COWLES WAS
HOST ON MISSOURIIdeal Shipboard Affair Given in Honor of Miss Edith
Parker Decon—Deck Was Cleared and Dancing
Space Suitably Decorated.

Capt. William Sheffield Cowles, brother-in-law to President Roosevelt, was, last evening, host on the Missouri, lying in Newport harbor, when a dance was given in honor of Miss Edith Parker Decon, whose grandfather, Rear Admiral Charles H. Baldwin, U. S. N., was the comrade of Captain Cowles and of Admiral Robley D. Evans, the latter commander of the fleet now at Newport.

Miss Decon was introduced to society last Saturday by her grandmother, Mrs. Baldwin, when all of the officers were invited to the reception. The dance last night, which was an ideal shipboard affair, was a return compliment. The Missouri's deck was cleared of all except her big guns, and the dancing space was inclosed in gay bunting and flags.

Captain Cowles, who has been some time in command of the Missouri, was the White House ever since the advent of President Roosevelt there, received the guests, assisted by several brother officers and the party of girls who assisted in introducing Miss Decon Saturday.

Among the latter were: Miss Edith Miller, Miss Anita Sands, Miss Sadie Jones and Miss Pauline French.

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Balfour's Pet Scheme
Checked by RedmondPremier's Plan to Take Twenty-two Seats
From Irish in House of Commons
Blocked.

LONDON, July 18.—John Redmond, the chairman of the Irish party, won a sensational parliamentary triumph yesterday when he drew a ruling from the speaker of the house of commons which destroyed at one blow Prime Minister Balfour's scheme of redistributing seats, under which Ireland was to lose twenty-two members.

Mr. Redmond claimed that the house had the right to discuss the resolutions in detail in committee.

Mr. Balfour maintained that all should be voted upon together.

The speaker sided with Mr. Redmond, whereupon Mr. Balfour, bitterly enraged, immediately withdrew the resolutions, threatening to introduce a bill next year.

Under the speaker's ruling, if Mr. Balfour had proceeded with his resolutions the Irish party intended to keep the house sitting until Christmas.

This reverse has brought on a critical political situation, and Mr. Balfour has summoned a general meeting of the ministerial party in order that he may appeal to them to continue to give him the support necessary to see the session through.

MYRA KELLY, PAINTER,
TO WED EX-BANKERPopular Girl Writer Who Created Pictures of East Side
Life to Be Bride of Allan Macnaughton—To
Take Place in Fall.

NEW YORK, July 18.—Miss Myra Kelly, painter of beautiful word pictures of poor child-life on the east side, author of "Land of Heart's Desire," "Little Citizens" and dozens of other stories of heart interest, is going to be married.

Those who best know the talented young woman say that Allan Macnaughton, president of the Standard Coach Horse Company, former director of the Wool Exchange and dozens of other times ago with his brother James in the management of the wrecked Tradesmen's National Bank, is the fortunate man.

Wedding in Fall.

The wedding, it is thought, will not take place until fall, probably in November.

Back of the story of the engagement of the young people there is a romance that equals those of some of Miss Kelly's daintiest tales of human interest. It is hinted even that a stern parent is making efforts to end the romance before the altar is reached, and that the opposition to the match does not come from the Macnaughton side.

On this point Miss Kelly will not speak. At present she is the guest of her uncle, J. C. Clarke—himself well known in the literary circle—at the summer home of the Clarks, Merikwood Park, Sullivan county, N. Y.

No One Will Talk.

Indeed the members of Miss Kelly's family are not inclined to discuss the subject one way or the other, but that the young couple have found one of the old ways to laugh at love's censors is not denied or even doubted by confidants of both.

Allan Macnaughton's home is at Teaneck, N. J., on the estate of William Walter Phelps. It embraces some 2,000 acres in the heart of 10,000 acres that comprise the Phelps estate, and is one of the most attractive and perfectly appointed training farms in the East. It is situated on the West Shore Road, three miles to the west of the Teaneck station, and has been the scene of many brilliant gatherings.

Mr. Macnaughton usually tools a coach from New York with a score or more of invited guests. At one of these affairs—a horse show dance, that the young men gave to a half hundred of the city—she met Miss Kelly.

A Year Ago.

That was just a year ago. Since then the young people have been much together, and the former banker's attention has been marked.

Allan Macnaughton figured in the sensational wrecking of the Tradesmen's National Bank in the winter of 1892. James was its president. Allan was one of his associates in its management and borrowed large sums of money from its directors. These latter are said to have amounted in all to about half a million dollars. Each brother indorsed for the other.

No Case Against Them.

Allan and James were indicted in March, 1899, on a charge of conspiring to defraud the Tradesmen's Bank and violation of the national banking laws. Judge Thomas in the criminal branch of the United States circuit court, in December of the same year, dismissed them on the motion of the United States district attorney, who claimed that no case could be found against the brothers.

Myra Kelly is an Irish girl, and was born in Dublin. She is not the only noted member of her family. Her father was prominent in Dublin, and was compelled to come to this country on account of his nationalistic views. He went to Boston to take the place of Dr. Robert Dwyer Joyce, but finally came to New York, where in medical circles he is noted as a dietist.

Mr. Macnaughton refused to acknowledge the engagement yesterday.

THESE EXTRAVAGANT TIMES.

First Billionaire—How much do you suppose Astoribit is worth?

Second Billionaire—Not over twenty-five millions.

First Billionaire—Is that all? Why, I always considered him a well-to-do man.

—Philadelphia Press.

BOOK = BILKINS.

